
DIGEST

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HB No. 507

Abstract: Prohibits DPS&C from issuing an "S" endorsement to certain persons and provides for modifications in mechanism by which persons can qualify for an "S" endorsement after disqualification period.

Present law provides that an "S" endorsement may be issued to an applicant who would have been disqualified from driving a school bus for certain convictions or violations relating to driving under the influence had he had an "S" endorsement at the time of the conviction or violation.

Proposed law provides an applicant shall not be issued an "S" endorsement if he has certain convictions or violations relating to driving under the influence prior to the date of application for the "S" endorsement.

Present law reduces disqualification period after, among other conditions, completing medical treatment or medically approved group therapy or special education courses for or about the disease of alcoholism, alcohol abuse, or drug abuse.

Proposed law clarifies that the treatment or group therapy required by present law must be completed after the disqualifying offense and that an endorsement shall be denied or canceled if the applicant is disqualified for conviction of driving under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance while operating a commercial vehicle or a noncommercial motor vehicle or refuses to submit to a chemical test for the purpose of determining the alcoholic content of his blood when arrested for an offense arising out of acts alleged to have been committed while the driver was driving or in actual physical control of a commercial motor vehicle or noncommercial motor vehicle while believed to be under the influence of alcoholic beverages or a controlled substance.

(Amends R.S. 32:408(B)(3)(f) and 414.2(E)(1)(intro. para.) and (2)(intro. para.) and (c))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Made technical changes.
2. Provided that an "S" endorsement shall be denied or cancelled if an applicant is

disqualified after being convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance while operating a commercial vehicle or a noncommercial motor vehicle or refuses to submit to a chemical test for the purpose of determining the alcoholic content of his blood when arrested for an offense arising out of acts alleged to have been committed while the driver was driving or in actual physical control of a commercial motor vehicle or noncommercial motor vehicle while believed to be under the influence of alcoholic beverages or a controlled substance.